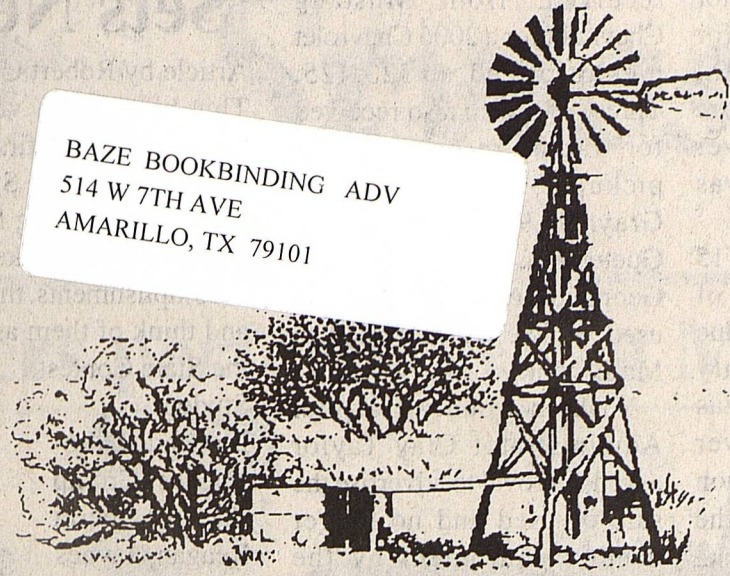


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## Cowboys in playoffs, share District with Co-Champ O'Donnell

Article by Coach Kevin Bartley

The Plains Cowboys are in the Playoffs. The Cowboys defeated Morton last week 12-2. Winning the game placed the Cowboys as District Co-Champions in 5-1A with the O'Donnell Eagles.

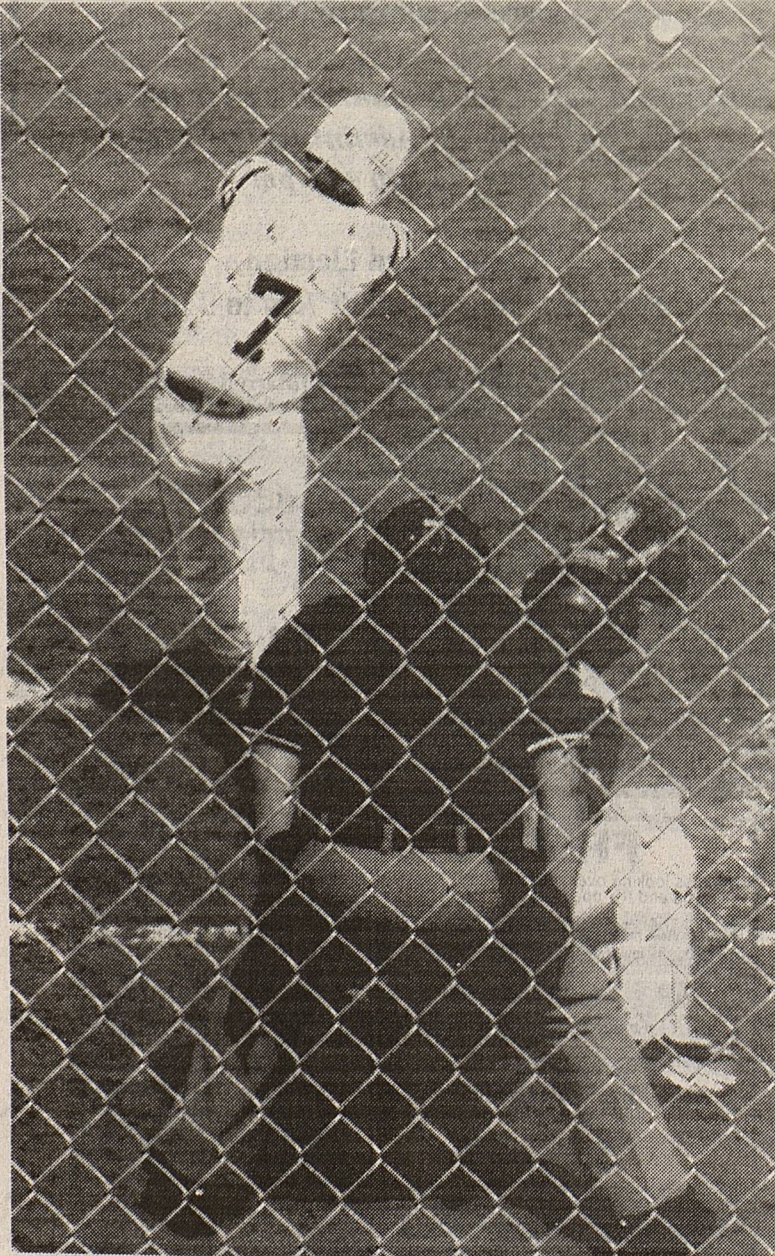
The offense got the sticks going again with six singles, two doubles and a triple. Blake O'Quinn received the Player of the Game award, going 3 - 3 at bat, with a double, triple and three RBI's. T.J. Cordova was 2 - 3 with 3 rbi's, Adam McCravey 1--2, Cody Mayes 1-3 with a double and 2 rbi's. Cordova was also the winning pitcher with 7 strikeouts, one base on balls and no earned runs.

The Cowboys next played a warm-up game May 4 in Post against Coahoma, the District champs in 2-A. The Cowboys played a very good game, but came up short in extra innings when a Coahoma player would hit a walk-off home run and win the game 4-3. The Cowboy pitching would perform great, striking out eleven while the Cowboy offense would only strike out nine times in 24 game outs.

Offensively the Cowboys got only four hits but sacrifice bunts and sacrifice flies would help score the runs needed to tie the game in the 7th inning.

Landon Craft would hit a triple and sacrifice bunt to help set up two of our three runs. Todd Williams managed a double, Ramiro Martinez would go 1-3 with with a sacrifice fly. A daring first and third trick play would be successful in the top of the seventh inning to score the tying run.

On May 5 Coach Dunn from Coahoma and I met for the coin toss which would determine which of our teams would go as the first place team in the playoff bracket. Unfortunately the Cowboys lost the toss. We will face Fort Hancock in Monahans at 7 PM Tuesday, May 9.



Landon gets big hit in recent action

## Graduating Seniors and Achievement Awards in next two issues of CCN

## Round Two Of Battle Against Cancer Gets Underway May 19



Yoakum County Librarian Pat McNabb and staff members at the Plains and Denver City facilities decorated hallway entrances to each building, reminding patrons of the upcoming American Cancer Society fund raising event - the Relay For Life, which kicks off at Denver City's football stadium 6 PM Friday, May 19.

Pictures on the walls of each library depict the opening event in 2004, cancer survivors making the opening lap of the ceremonies, all wearing

dramatic purple shirts signifying their successful battle against the disease.

When the victory lap around the track ends, many victims will continue the walk, while dozens of Relay Teams will offer a bewildering array of enticements for donors, from food and drinks, to chances offered in a number of lottery type drawings for big game hunts, bed, board and gourmet food in Lubbock, rides, games of chance, the sale of luminarias to be lighted that

night around the track.

Visitors to the Relay can expect "to be hit-up for money by some persuasive volunteers, because they are convinced only generosity with money for research and treatment of the many types of cancer will eventually lead to its cure" one team leader told CCN.

Sleep may be a scarce luxury for many team members who will spend the night "camped out" at the Relay, honoring pledges for donations to the cause with their laps around the

track.

This year the hard working volunteer organizers of the Relay optimistically believe the 2006 event will be even more successful than the 2004 Relay. Well over \$30,000 was raised. "We were very pleased, very proud of our first time effort, but we're convinced our county folks are going to come through again, with an even greater show of generosity", Relay Chair Stacey Meece told CCN.

## Speedy Court Session

Fourteen items were on the agenda for the May 8 session of Commissioners Court, yet work was completed in little over half an hour.

The court approved a report from the Tax Assessor/Collector office reporting a total of \$11,873 taxes were collected in the month of April.

County Auditor Darinda McWhirter had three subjects on the agenda dealing with electronics in the courthouse network system. A new management agreement with CTSI will simplify operations, cost less for maintenance and be more reliable, according to McWhirter. The management

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## Qualifiers for UIL Scholarships



These eight PHS students competed in the State UIL Academic competition last week, and are now eligible to qualify for TILF scholarships ranging in the past from \$1,000 to \$14,000 when becoming a senior. The PHS Number Sense Team, David and Kurt Alldredge, Blake O'Quinn and Amber Friesen finished in fifth place. The Calculator Team, Allison Friesen, BJ Lester, Amber Friesen and Blake O'Quinn were third, while Maria Andazola qualified in Spelling and Vocabulary, and Adam McCravey qualified in Computer Science.

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 agreement cost will be \$1,387 and was approved. The auditor also requested approval for payment of \$22,559 to IBM for purchase of a Software Group software server purchase. The item was approved.

A \$1,000 bid for lots 14-15 Blk. 19, South Addition of Denver City, held for past due taxes by Yoakum County Property in Trust was accepted. Judge Brewer moved to deed another portion of the same property to the City of Denver City for the site of a new triplex housing grant project. The motion passed. Bids were opened for the

purchase of a new pickup for the County Extension Agent Ag Arlan Gentry. One bid was received, from Mustang Chevrolet for a 2006 Chevrolet pickup priced at \$23,425. Three bids were also received for trading in a 2001 Ford pickup; \$7,700 from John Gray, \$8,901 from Robbie Guetersloh, and \$9,250 from George Blount. The sale of the used vehicle was awarded to Mr. Blount.

Yoakum County Hospital Administrator Clay Taylor asked approval to advertise the sale of used and no longer needed equipment by the hospita, and approval was granted.

## Industrial Tech Team Sets New State Record

Article by Robert Canon:

This has been a very productive year for me in Industrial Technology, the first year I can remember all of my students participated in the State Contest. Every student had at least five projects qualifying for the meet. I appreciate the hard work the students did to make this a fun year for me. I am proud of their accomplishments, the opportunity to teach and get to know them, and think of them as part of my family. The final results from the State Contest:

Student	Best in State	First	Second	Third
Lamando Caro	1	4	1	1
Michael Crump	3	5	1	
Zachary Guerra		4	2	
Reagan Haynes	3	6	3	1
Ben Hays	1	4	3	
Michael Marin			2	1
Adam McCravey	2	4	1	
Jose Valdez	1	1	1	

All the student projects will be on display Thursday, May 18 during the Academic Awards Assembly.



## Capitol Comments

By Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison  
 R., Texas

May is a time to celebrate beginnings. As the weather warms and flowers bloom, the arrival of summer is on the horizon. The end of the school year has students looking forward to vacations, while others are eager to graduate and begin the next phase of their lives.

This month also offers an opportunity to observe one of my favorite holidays, Mother's Day, which falls on May 14. We cherish the love and nourishment of our mothers.

Mothers Day is a time to remember the lesson our mothers taught us we follow throughout our lives. Mothers are the first teachers of the leaders of tomorrow. Mothers share knowledge with their children and love them unconditionally. My mom was a huge influence in my life and always encouraged me to follow my dreams.

Many of our nation's wisest leaders reserved their highest praise for their mothers. Our first President and the father of our country, George Washington, said of his mother, Mary, "My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her."

President Abraham Lincoln said of his stepmother, Sarah, "All that I am or ever hope to be I owe to my angel mother." And President Theodore Roosevelt said in honor of his mother Martha, "The mother is the one supreme asset of national life; she is more important by far than the successful statesman, or business man, or artist or scientist."

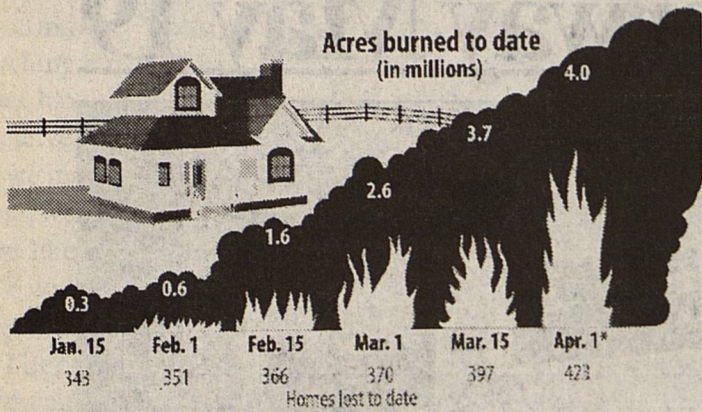
Though Mother's Day was not nationally recognized until 1914, it has roots from many years before. In 1858, an Appalachian home maker named Anna Jarvis organized Mothers' Work Days. In 1870 Julia Ward Howe, who wrote the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" issued a proclamation calling for a Mother's Day of Peace.

Anna Jarvis passed away in 1905, and in 1907, in the two year anniversary of her passing, her daughter, also named Anna, helped organize a Mother's Day celebration at her mother's church in West Virginia. Other states soon began celebrating the day, and on May 14, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

Mother's Day is also an opportunity for mothers to share in the achievements and accomplishments of their children. A happy and successful child inspires a special sense of pride in a parent. Mothers are there to share in the rights of passage children experience. I was once told by a telephone company executive Mother's Day is the industry's busiest day of the year - fittingly so.

### A hotbed of activity

In the first three months of 2006, more than 10,000 fires burned more than 3.7 million acres across Texas, according to the Dept. of Management



## Student of the Week



PHS Student of the Week is Maribel Mendias, a senior and the daughter of Anselmo and Elvira Mendias. She was nominated by Jennifer Everitt, who said, "At PHS being student of the week is a big deal. Some begin a campaign August 15th, reminding teachers daily of their availability. Some plan their big moment, knowing they can't be passed by. Some beg and plead knowing every week going by lessens their chances of seeing their name in flashing lights. Some come to school everyday and do what is asked of them and what is not asked of them in a quiet way that sometimes goes unnoticed. The latter would apply to this week's winner. Politely turning in assignments and volunteering to help whenever possible comes naturally to Maribel, who is a great example to all PHS students."

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Proud grandparents are Arnold Chriselda Cordero of Plains and Avate and Jesus Casillas from Woodland, California. She was named for her deceased great-great grandmother Ysabela Garcia, and by loved by all her aunts and uncles in Texas and California

### INFORMATION PLEASE PROGRAM AT THE YOAKUM COUNTY LIBRARY

The Yoakum County Library will present the May INFORMATION PLEASE program on Thursday, May 18 at 2 p.m. in the Heritage Room. The program will be presented by Janice and Neal Newsom who will present a program on their experience with the Newsom Vineyards which they have been involved with since the early 1980s. Anyone who is interested in the program is encouraged and invited to attend.

### STORYTIME AT THE YOAKUM COUNTY LIBRARY

Sixteen boys and girls attended Storytime at the Yoakum County Library on Wednesday, May 3 at 10 a.m. Following the pledges to the United States and Texas flags, the group sang several songs. Special guests were Paula and Elizabeth Purtell. They presented a most interesting program on Sign Language. The boys and girls learned some of the basic signs such as mom, dad, grandmother, grandfather, sister, brother, love, friend, eat, drink, hungry, thirsty, etc. The group enjoyed practicing the new language signs and were encouraged to practice signing at home with family members. To complete the program the children watched a video entitled: "Sign-Me-A-Story" about Little Red Riding Hood. Those who attended were Kiarsen and Ethan Harris, Taryn, Delese and Brie Willis, Abigale and Elijah McAdams, Braleigh Lowrey, Courtney and Krista Hix, Jentry, Trenity and Asher Wall, and Joanna, Grace and Jadon McAdams. The weekly Storytime activities are held on Wednesdays for preschool age children at 10 a.m. in the Heritage Room of the Yoakum County Library. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend.

## Third graders perform at Tsa Mo Ga

Third grade readers and storytellers entertained Tsa Mo Ga members April 24, and members were given an informative program about the Yoakum County Library by librarian Pat McNabb.

Micah St. Romain read "Nice Little Lady" by Rev. Floyd McWhinney; Kasidee Taylor presented "Warpaint" by Betty Sills and Daitlyne Broome performed "No" by Judith Viorst. "Abigail and the Beautiful Pony" was read by Halee Lowrey, and William Boyles read "Mrs. Stein" by Bill Dodds. Viorst's "The Lizzie Pitofsky Poem" was read by Brock McWhirter.

The students were accompanied by parents, grandparents and great grandparents; Elouise and Mary Jo St. Romain, Martha Broome, Dacia Lowrey, Rebekah Boyles and Connie McWhirter. Third grade teachers Shannon Eddleman and Debbie Steffens and Danny Steffens were also present.



Third grade readers Kasidee Taylor, Micah St. Romain, Halee Lowrey, Daitlyne Broome, William Boyles and Brock McWhirter, with teachers Debbie Steffens and Shannon Eddleman.

Librarian McNabb presented facts and programs from the library including new West Texas Library System programs. The large print book section is being enlarged and many DVD's are being ordered, as well as CD audio books. "Information Please" is

a new program presented once a month on different dates. Various speakers and guests have provided informative programs on voting, medical care and facilities in recent months. The summer reading program for children begins in June.

The Southwest Collection at Texas Tech will be sending

"Water Over The Llano", a cowboy display in honor of National Cowboy Day. The bi-weekly trivia question for juniors and adults continues to be popular at the library and a newsletter is now being published which is mailed to former residents who have moved from the area.

## Art Association Meets

The Yoakum County Art Association met May 2 with 15 members, one guest and the guest artist present. Pres. Lisa Gentry announced Liz Chandlers was the winner of the Atermelon Round Up T-Shirt contest. Susie Powell will hold a watercolor workshop July 21-22, 9 am to 4 pm. Deadline to register is July 3.

Linda Harris requested sketches or paintings from members to be used in the new yearbook. she is creating. Sheila Stephens reported scholarship applications were received from high school and were ready for review by the committee.

Guest artist Pat Reed from Lubbock demonstrated her techniques for painting on "yupo", a watercolor plastic paper. Hostesses for the evening were Mary Dale Forbus and Thelma Cheatham.

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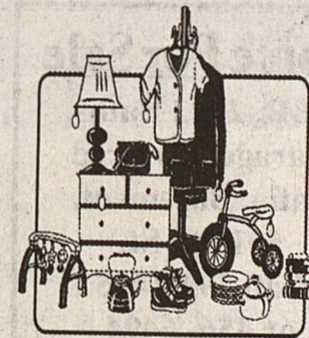
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# From The Hack

The following is good enough to steal from the pages of the Levelland & Hockley News-Press, and smooth any femmes feathers I have ruffled in the past;

It's Good To Be A Woman Because.....

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We don't look like a frog in a blender when we are dancing. No fashion faux pas we make could ever rival the Speedo.

If we forget to shave, no one has to know.

We can congratulate our teammates without ever touching a rear end.

We have the ability to dress ourselves.

If we marry someone 20 years older, we are aware that we will look like an idiot.

We will never regret piercing our ears.

There are times when chocolate really can solve all our problems.

We can make comments about how silly men are in their presence because we know they aren't listening anyway.

Why does the following old tale remind me of today's TV advertising yuks?

A national dog food sales manager was giving a pep talk to his sale troops. He yelled out, "Who has the best label on their dog food?"

The salesforce yelled back "We Do!"

"Who has the finest marketing program?" he shouted. "We do!" they screamed back in unison.

"And the biggest can?" he shouted. "We Do!"

"The very best price?" Again, his staff yelled "We Do!"

With a very glum face and voice he then asked, "So why aren't we selling more dog food?"

The staff shouted in unison, "Because the dogs won't eat the damn stuff!"

While trying to make a few more typo's to satisfy the perfectionists, re-setting Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's weekly column this issue featuring her salute to Moms everywhere, I truly became aware of the role the TWO mothers in my life have played in what will become a shorter experience than I had originally expected. My birth mother, Ruth Taylor, died from pneumonia when I was not quite four. I THINK, perhaps I would LIKE TO THINK, I remember the day of her burial, being lifted over the casket to tell her goodbye.

About two years later Ruth was replaced by my dad's new bride, Blanche, whom most readers still remember as one of our former County and District Clerks.

Both Moms, as I recall the very early years, did what our mothers are supposed to do. They loved us. They nurtured us. They taught us. They felt pains for us. They were GOOD PEOPLE we all remember with affection and love.

Thank you, Ruth, Blanche, and Holly.

With Calamity on the Colorado continuing with assistance from the legislature,

perhaps the combatants should recall what a former Speaker of the House Gib Lewis had to say some years back about the drying up of state revenue sources, particularly on liquor and cigarettes; "With the state looking at sin tax and the federal government looking at sin tax, and sinners being less sinful every year, that revenue source is decreasing every year!"

## Think Texas

by Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

There's no doubt that horses are part of the fabric of Texas and its unique mystique. From breeding, training and horse shows to riding for sports, recreation or even working horses on Texas ranches, the equine industry reflects the dynamic and diverse nature of our state. It's one of the many reasons Texas is the perfect place to launch the Center for Equine Business Studies proposed by Texas A&M University, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas Cooperative Extension.

As home to more than 15 percent of the nation's horses, Texas has a vested interest in the success of the horse industry, which is valued at \$3 billion and provides jobs for more than 32,000 Texans. Nationwide, the industry also brings an enormous economic impact, generating more than \$102 billion a year for the U.S. economy.

To fully tap into this growing industry, research, market information, educational outreach and training are vital and ongoing needs. The Center for Equine Business Studies at Texas A&M University would help address this by conducting research-based market and policy analysis, industry studies and educational outreach and training programs to support the growing equine industry. It would have an additional benefit of establishing a centralized source of information related to the U.S. equine industry, covering all breeds.

The Texas horse industry counts, and it's time to start adding it all up to set the stage for even bigger returns.

# Yoakum County Hospital Health Fair

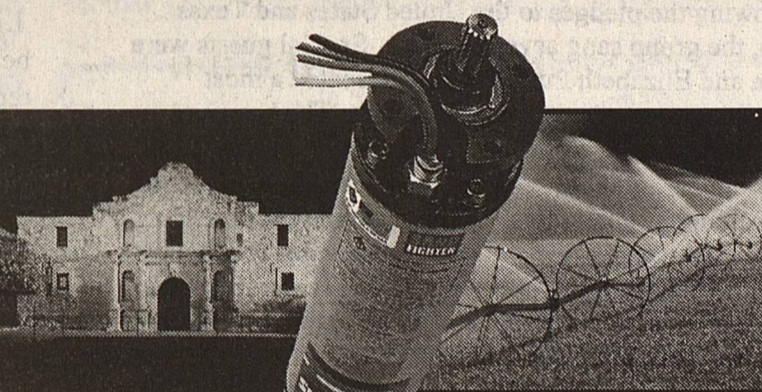
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Dining out is in, according to Annika Stensson, media relations manager for the National Restaurant Association (NRA).

The percentage of Americans eating out increased from 25 percent in 1955 to 46.6 percent in 2006, she said. By 2010, the NRA projects people will spend more than half their total food budget, 53 percent, on food purchased at other places,

such as grocery and convenience stores, Stensson said.

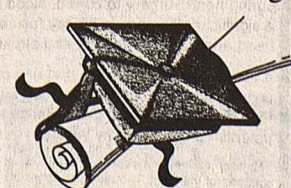
In 2004, adults purchased a meal or snack from a restaurant an average of 5.3 times a week, according to the NRA. "We're all leading increasingly busy lives, and it's just convenient," Stensson said. "Just the number of restaurants and the options have increased from 20 years ago. People don't just dine out on special occasions, it's part of the way they live."

The NRA projects record sales for Texas restaurants in the future. They project sales of \$30 billion for 2006, up 6.7 percent from 2005. Wendy Saari, Texas Restaurant Association spokesperson, said

"The past couple of years we've been one of the leading states in the business and we're pleased to see that continued growth."

And the growth isn't limited to one segment of the industry. "I think you are seeing growth in both your high dining and your quick service restaurants," Saari said. "Casual dining restaurants are staying strong as people go out to eat and want more options."

Most restaurant managers agree there have been setbacks, but the overall outlook is good.



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